STOCK MARKET MORE SEDATE

Has Recovered From the Contortions in Copper.

QUIETER THAN FOR WEEKS

Seasonable Weather for the Coal Trade Has an Upward Tendency on That Line of Stocks—Five Million in Steel Dividends.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The stock market to-day showed its immense relief from the disturbing effect of the recent eccentricity of Amalgamated Copper. There were some further contortions in that stock for a short time after the opening, but it settled down into a condition of quiet, which has not been seen for many weeks. Between 66 and 67 it seemed to have arrived at a condition of stable equilibrium. The opening dip to 64½ was apparently due to a drive from the bears who sought an opportunity to cover their short contracts. The high level of the stock for the day was at 68, and the net gain was a point. The statement issped by the directors last night was accepted as a proclamation, as a struggle for business with the important companies and such cut in the price of the product as would be necessary. The solution of part of the mystery which has hung over this stock, let loose the forces of demand which have lain dormant in the market for several days past. The buying was apparently based on the general consideration of the high degree of prosperity which is prevailing in all branches of trade.

The special strength of the Coalers, which led the advance, was due to the seasonable weather for trade and to reports of a possible coming advance in the price of anthracite. The formation of the Arbitration Committee by the National Civic Federation was a factor in the strength of this group, as the president of the miners' organization has a prominent place on the committee, and the fear of an outbreak of labor troubles among the miners during the coming year has been a persistent influence in discouraging speculation in the stocks. The advances ran from about a point up to 2½ in Delaware and Hudson and 3 in Hocking Valley. The strength of the Pacific and Transcontinental was apparently based on the favorable showing which it is said the Union Pacific will make. The bull campaign in the local Traction stocks was renewed under the leadership of Manhattan. Sharp gains in a number of Industrials were based on individual considerations. The rate for call loans stiffened late in the day to 9 per cent., but had very little effect on the stock market.

Although the banks have apparently lost nearly $2,000,000 in cash during the week, sentiment is for the moment optimistic over the money outlook. The payment to-day of the dividend on United States Steel amounted to over $5,000,000, and is expected to favorably affect the money market.

The bond market was moderately active and irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,390,000. The United States 3's registered and the old and new 4's advanced ½ per cent., and the 3's coupon declined ¼ per cent. on the last call.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 680,300 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—Money on call closed strong at 5@9 per cent.; closing bid, 10 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 5@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¾@4.86⅞ for demand and at $4.82½@4.83⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82½@4.82. Bar silver, 55¼. Mexican dollars, 43¾. Government bonds, irregular. State bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, dull.

Total bank clearings for week ended December 20th, $2,374,918,932; increase, 6.6 per cent. Outside of New York, $790,310,428; increase 5.8 per cent.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by Messrs. SCOTT & STEINGFELLOW, Members New York Stock Exchange.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	77⅞	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛
Atchison pfd	99⅞	100⅛	99⅞	100⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	100⅛	102⅛	101½	101⅞
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	94⅛	....	....	94½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	63	64⅛	62⅞	64
Canadian Pacific	113⅞	114⅞	113⅞	115⅛
Canada Southern	56	56⅛	55⅞	56
Chesapeake & Ohio	45⅞	46⅞	45½	46½
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	33½
Chicago & Alton pfd	....	....	....	75⅞
Chicago Great Western	24⅞	24½	24	24⅛
Chicago Gt. West'n pfd. A	....	....	....	86⅛
Chicago Gt. West'n pfd. B	....	....	....	47⅞
C., I. & St. Louis	48½	49	48	48⅛
C., I. & St. Louis pfd	74½	74⅞	74½	74⅞
C. & E. Illinois	....	....	....	154⅞
C. & Northwest	....	....	....	203
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	151	152⅛	151	151⅞
Chicago Term. & Tran	....	....	....	16½
Chicago Term. & Trans. pfd	....	....	....	50
C., C., C. and St. Louis	97½	98⅛	97½	98⅛
Col. Southern	1⅞	1⅞	1⅛	1⅞
Col. Southern 1st pfd	58	58⅞	58	58⅞
Col. Southern 2d pfd	26	27⅛	26	27
Delaware & Hudson	173⅞	....	....	174½
Del., Lack. & Western	....	....	....	215½
Denver & Rio Grande	....	....	....	43
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	93⅞	94	93½	93⅞
Erie	39⅞	40	39⅞	40⅛
Erie 1st pfd	71⅞	72⅞	71⅞	72½
Erie 2d pfd	....	....	....	57½
Great Northern pfd	184½	184½	183½	184
Hocking Coal	....	....	....	15
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	66½
Hocking Valley pfd	....	....	....	82½
Illinois Central	158	159½	158	158⅞
Iowa Central	....	....	....	36
Iowa Central pfd	....	....	....	71
Lake Erie & Western	....	....	....	85
Lake Erie & Western pfd	....	....	....	129
Louisville & Nashville	105⅞	106⅞	105⅞	106
Manhattan L	183⅞	185	183½	184
Met. Street Railway	161	162⅞	161	161⅞
Mexican Central	24⅞	25	24½	24⅞
Mexican National	....	....	....	13⅞
Minneap. & St. Louis	....	....	....	106
Missouri Pacific	103	104⅞	103	103½
Missouri, Kan. & Tex	25	25⅞	25½	25½
Missouri, Kan. & Tex. pfd	52½	52½	52	52⅞
New Jersey Central	181	184	181	182
New York Central	163⅞	166⅞	163⅞	166⅞
Norfolk & Western	55½	56	55½	56
Norfolk & Western pfd	....	....	....	81
Northern Pacific pfd	....	....	....	99½
Ontario & Western	33⅞	34	33⅞	33⅞
Pacific Mail	45⅞	46	45½	45⅞
Pennsylvania	147½	148⅛	147½	147⅞
Reading	48½	49⅞	48½	49½
Reading 1st pfd	78	80	78	79⅞
Reading 2d pfd	53½	55⅞	53½	55⅞
Seaboard Air Line	25½	....	....	....
Seaboard Air Line pfd	48½	....	....	....
St. L. & San. Fr.	55⅞	56½	55⅞	56
St. L. & San. Fr. 1st pfd	85	....	....	[illegible]
St. L. & San. Fr. 2d pfd	73½	....	....	72½
St. L. & Southwestern	....	....	....	32⅞
St. L. & Southwestern pfd	59½	59⅞	59½	59
St. Paul	162	164	162	163⅞
St. Paul pfd	....	....	....	178
Southern Pacific	59	59	58½	58⅞
Southern Railway	30	30⅞	29⅞	30⅛
Southern Railway pfd	92⅞	93	92⅞	92⅞
Texas & Pacific	38	39	38	38⅞
Toledo, St. L. & West	....	....	....	19½
Toledo, St. L. & West. pfd	....	....	....	34⅞
Union Pacific	102⅞	103	101	102½
Union Pacific pfd	88	89½	88⅞	89½
Wabash	22	22½	22⅛	22½
Wabash pfd	41⅞	42⅞	41⅞	42⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie	18	18½	18	18½
Wheel. & L. Erie 2d pfd	....	....	....	72
Wisconsin Central	20⅞	21⅞	20⅞	21
Wisconsin Central pfd	....	....	....	42
EXPRESS COMPANIES.				
Adams	....	....	....	190
American	....	....	....	260
United States	....	....	....	98
Wells-Fargo	....	....	....	185
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Amalgamated Copper	65½	68	64⅞	66⅞
Amer. Smelt & Refin	44½	44⅞	43⅞	43⅞
Amer. Smelt & Refin. pfd	96⅞	97	96⅞	96⅞
Linseed Oil	....	....	....	13
Linseed Oil pfd	....	....	....	40
Anaconda Mining Co	29½	30½	29½	29⅞
Colorado Fuel & Iron	90	90⅞	90	90½
Consolidated Gas	215½	216	215	215⅞
General Electric	289	291	278¾	279
Glue, Sugar	39	....	....	39
International Paper	20½	21	20½	20⅞
International Paper pfd	76	76	75½	75½
International Power	....	....	....	88
Lacledе Gas	....	....	....	99½
National Biscuit	....	....	....	42⅞
National Lead	....	....	....	16½
National Lead pfd	81½	82	81	....
North American	....	....	....	93
Pacific Coast	....	....	....	74⅞
People's Gas	101⅞	102½	101⅞	101⅞
Pressed Steel Car	46½	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞
Pressed Steel Car pfd	83⅞	84	83½	83⅞
Pullman Parlor Car	....	....	....	211
Sugar	119⅞	120	118⅞	118⅞
Tennessee Coal & Iron	62⅞	63⅞	62⅞	63⅞
Union Bag	....	....	....	14⅞
Union Bag pfd	....	....	....	72
United States Leather	11⅞	....	....	11½
United States Leather pfd	....	....	....	80½
United States Rubber	13	13⅛	13	13
United States Rubber pfd	48½	....	....	48
Western Union	91½	91⅞	91½	91⅞
Rep. Iron & Steel	15½	15⅞	15	15⅞
Rep. Iron & Steel pfd	66⅞	68	66⅞	68
Car Foundry	29½	30	29⅞	29⅞
Car Foundry pfd	83½	83⅞	83½	83⅞
Int. Steam Pump pfd	87⅞	....	....	84½
National Salt	....	....	....	32
National Salt pfd	....	....	....	91
U. S. Steel	41⅞	42⅛	41⅞	42⅞
U. S. Steel pfd	91½	92⅞	91½	92
American Cotton Oil	31	31	31	....
Am. Loco	....	....	....	31

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U S 5's, reg	105½	Mexican Cen 4's	58
U S 5's, coupon	106½	Mexican Cen 1st in 3's	71½
U S new 4's, reg	136½	Minn & St Louis 1's	102⅞
U S new 4's, coupon	139½	M K & T 4's	96½
U S old 4's, reg	111⅞	M K & T 2d's	71½
U S old 4's, coupon	112⅞	N Y Central 1st's	106½
U S 5's, registered	107⅞	N Y Cen gen 3½'s	119
U S 5's, coupon	108	N J Cen general 5's	131½
Atchison general 4's	99½	Northern Pac 3's	104⅞
Atchison adjust 4's	96	Northern Pac 4's	102⅞
Balt & Ohio 4's	102⅞	N & W consol 4's	102½
Balt & Ohio 3½'s	96⅞	Reading general 4's	98½
Balt & Ohio conv 4's	104⅞	St L & I M consol 5's	111
Canada Southern 2d's	109⅞	St L & S F 4's	97⅞
Cen of Ga 5's, con	106⅞	St L & S W 1st's	106⅞
Cen of Ga 1st In	73⅞	St L & S W 2d's	70
Cen of Ga 2d In	52⅞	San Ar. & A Pass	88
Ches & Ohio 4½'s	106⅞	Southern Pac 4's	92⅞
Chic & Alt 3½'s	86	Southern Ry 5's	123⅞
Chic, B & Q new 4's	98⅞	Tex & Pacific 1st's	119½
C, M & St P gen 4's	111	Ult L & W's	81
C & N W consol 7's	139½	Union Pacific 4's	106⅞
C, R I & P 4's	106⅞	Union Pac conv 4's	106⅞
C C C & St L gen 4's	103	Wabash 1st's	71⅞
Chicago Term 4's	88⅞	Wabash 2d's	71⅞
Colorado Southern 4's	80½	Wabash Deb B	65⅞
Denver & Rio G 4's	103½	West Shore 4's	111
Erie prior lien 4's	106⅞	Wheel & L Erie 4's	91½
Erie general 4's	89	Wisconsin Cen 4's	96⅞
I & W & Den Cit 5's	104	M & O 4's	....
Hocking Val 4½'s	107½		97

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 20.—Seaboard common, 26⅞@26⅞; do. preferred, 49⅞@50. Seaboard 4's, 85¼ bid.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1901.

SALES.

Virginia Trust Company—15 shares at 128.

Virginia Centuries—$2,000 at 100⅞.

Union Bank—5 shares at 166.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred—50 shares at 121½; 50 shares at 121½.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical common—50 shares at 61½; 20 shares at 61½; 50 shares at 61½; 30 shares at 63.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	106	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	136	...
Va 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	100	100½
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R.	100¼	100½
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich City 5's, R., 1920-1922	118	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1930	107½	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Char. Col. and Aug. 2d 7's	112½	114
Ga. Pac. 1st 6's, C., 1922	123	...
Ga., So. and Fla., 1945	113	...
S. A. L. Con. 1st 4's, 1950	...	85½
W. N. C. 1st 6's C., 1914	118	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 100	165	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd..100	107½	108
Atlantic Coast Line com..100	87½	88¼
Atlantic Coast L. of Conn..100	154	160
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
American National 100	112	...
Broad-Street Bank 25	26	...
City 25	32	...
First National 100	175	...
Metropolitan 25	22½	23½
National Bank of Va.....100	120	...
Pet. Sav. and In. Co.....20	60	...
Planters National 100	200	...
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co...100	130	141
Savings Bank of Rich.....25	45	...
Security 100	...	102½
State Bank of Va.....100	160	...
Southern Trust Co.....100	110	...
Union Bank of Rich.....50	165½	166½
Virginia Trust Co.....100	128	...
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES		
Va. Fire and Marine.....25	37	39
Virginia State 25	27¾	28¾
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. S's....100	121⅞	121½
Va.-Car. Chem. com.....100	61½	62

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1901.

WHEAT—		
Longberry	83	@84
Mixed	83	@84
Shortberry	83	@84
No. 2 red	84	
Va bag lots	70	@83
CORN—		
White (Va.) bag lots (old)	73	
White (Va.) bag lots (new)	70	@73
No. 2 white (old)	73	
No. 3 white (old)	72½	
No. 2 mixed (old)	72	
No. 3 mixed (old)	71½	
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed	51	
No. 3 mixed	50½	
No. 2 white	53	
Winter Seed	55	@58
RYE	63	@68

PEANUT MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 20.—PEANUTS—Dull; fancy, 2¾c.; strictly prime, 2½c.; prime, 2@2¼c. New—Fancy, 3c.; strictly prime, 2¾@2⅞c.; prime, 2½@2¾c. Spanish, 72½@75c.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 20.—PEANUTS—Dull; fancy, 2¾c.; prime, 1@2¾c.; Spanish (new), quiet at 72½@75c.

COTTON MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened quiet at 1@3 points higher, and for a time followed a very narrow run. So far as the foreign news was concerned there was nothing to stimulate either buying or selling. The movement of the crop was rather in excess of expectations, but as an offset to this unfavorable factor was a batch of very bad weather advices from the crop country. Public and private advices reported very low temperatures over pretty much all of the belt. Southern spot markets were firm at well sustained prices with demand brisk.

For mid-day the shorts were given a bad scare by a report that the "in sight" figures would show a little over 380,000 bales, whereas estimates have indicated 410,000 bales. From 8.10 March stiffened to 8.22, while May rose to 8.26 before profit-taking set in, and caused a slight reaction. Wall Street and Southern buying orders helped to advance the market, though covering was the chief feature. The local exchange later reported the in sight to be 395,000 bales as compared with 382,000 by Hester. All the afternoon the market was steady with prices holding well up to the top on demand from shorts and light Southern buying. Commission houses sold from time to time chiefly to secure profits and withdraw from the market over the holiday period. The close was steady with prices net 5@7 points higher.

Cotton futures opened steady; closed steady.

	Opened.	Closed.
December	....	8.12
January	8.09	8.13
February	8.15	8.16
March	8.17	8.21
April	8.20	8.22
May	8.20	8.25
June	8.18	8.23
July	8.19	8.23
August	8.05	8.11
September	7.90	7.78
October	7.80	....

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 8⅛c.; middling gulf, 8⅜c.; sales, 900 bales.

Cotton quiet; middling, 7⅞c.; net receipts, 233 bales; gross, 2,634 bales; sales, 612 bales; stock, 103,778 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 40,318 bales; export to Great Britain, 13,342 bales; to France, 2,359 bales; to the Continent, 4,242 bales; stock, 986,757 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 287,203 bales; export to Great Britain, 144,838 bales; to France, 10,859 bales; to the Continent, 30,152 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 4,270,936 bales; export to Great Britain, 1,559,513 bales; to France, 373,252 bales; to the Continent, 1,175,180 bales.

Following are total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1901:

	Bales.
Galveston	1,380,927
New Orleans	1,191,883
Mobile	111,762
Savannah	749,313
Charleston	146,631
Wilmington	199,029
Norfolk	267,154
Baltimore	42,182
New York	81,688
Boston	45,131
Newport News	7,800
Philadelphia	12,559
Fernandina	2,000
Brunswick	66,576
Port Arthur	14,130
Pensacola	70,206
Total	4,270,931

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 20.—COTTON—Market dull and prices entirely nominal. Quotations are 7⅞c. for good lots.

COFFEE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—COFFEE—The market for coffee futures opened steady in tone with prices 5 points higher on covering and light foreign buying, the cause of which was unexpected rallies in European markets, both Havre and Hamburg recovering a good part of yesterday's loss. The market was finally steady with quotations net 5 points higher to 5 points lower. Total sales, 10,750 bags. Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 6⅞c.; mild, quiet; Cordova, 7½@11c.

CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 20.—Firmness of foreign markets, dropping off in domestic receipts, scarcity of red winter wheat and the general effect of the extreme cold weather made grain traders for get all about the holiday depression to-day, and May wheat closed ⅝c. higher; May corn, ½c. up, and May oats, ⅛@¼c. higher. Provisions closed unchanged to 12½@15c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Dec.	75¾	76⅞	75¾	76⅞
May	79⅝	80¾	79⅝	80¾
July	79¾	80¼	79⅝	80½
CORN—No. 2.				
Dec.	63½	63⅝	63½	63⅝
May	66½	66⅞	66½	66⅞
July	66⅛	66½	66	66½
OATS—No. 2.				
Dec.	44¼	44¼	44	44¼
May	44⅛	45	44⅝	44⅞
July	38¾	38⅞	38½	38⅝
MESS PORK—bbl.				
Jan.	16.12½	16.27½	16.12½	16.27½
May	16.52½	16.72½	16.52½	16.72½
LARD—100lbs.				
Jan.	9.62½	9.67½	9.62½	9.67½
May	9.65	9.72½	9.65	9.72½
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
Jan.	8.30	8.32½	8.27½	8.32½
May	8.47½	8.57½	8.47½	8.57½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady. No. 3 spring wheat, 72@76c.; No. 2 red, 81⅞@83½c. No. 2 oats, 46@48½c.; No. 2 white, 48⅝c.; No. 3 white, 47½@48⅝c. No. 2 rye, 65@65½c. Fair to choice malting barley, 55@62c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.58; No. 1 northwestern, $1.59; prime Timothy seed, $5.55. Mess pork, per barrel, $15.15@15.25; lard, per 100 pounds, $9.65@9.67½; short rib sides (loose), $8.—@8.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.37½@7.50; short clear sides (boxed), $8.00@8.10. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.32. Butter, firm; creamery, 19@24c.; dairy, 14@20c. Cheese, firm at 9¾@10¾c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 28c. Receipts—Wheat, 64,000 bushels; corn, 72,000 bushels; oats, 152,000 bushels; hogs, 30,000 head.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 20.—FLOUR—Strong. Wheat, strong; the month, 81⅛@81½c.; January, 81⅝@82c.; February, 82⅞@83c.; May, 83⅝@84c.; southern by sample, 72@82c. Corn, dull; spot and the month and new, 66@66¼c.; year, 66@66¼c.; January, 66¼@66½c.; May, 68⅝c. asked; southern white corn, 59⅝@66½c. Oats, dull and easy; No. 2 white, 52@52½c. Rye, quiet; No. 2 nearby, 67c. bid. Butter, eggs and cheese, firm and unchanged. Sugar, firm and strong.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1901.

Private sales were reported to-day as follows: Burley 1 hogshead; scrap, 12 hogsheads; wrappers, 15 hogsheads; fillers, 21 hogsheads, and stems, 83 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports as follows: Reviews—Bright, 10 hogsheads.

Warehouses report 13 hogsheads received and 39 hogsheads delivered.

Loose sales were as follows: Stonewall Warehouse, 13,385 pounds—highest price, $17.50; Shockoe Warehouse, 57,000 pounds—highest price, $27.50; Crenshaw Warehouse, 63,275 pounds—highest price, $25; Shelburne Warehouse, 67,480 pounds—highest price, $25.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; receipts, 39 casks. Rosin, firm at $1@1.05; receipts, 264 barrels. Crude turpentine, quiet at $1.10@2; receipts, 138 barrels. Tar, steady at $1.20; receipts, 331 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 20.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Firm at 36⅝c.; receipts, 1,075 casks; sales, 646 casks; exports, 778 casks. Rosin, firm; receipts, 4,688 barrels; sales, 7,817 barrels; exports, 5,170 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1.10; E, $1.15; H, $1.45; I, $1.70; K, $2.25; M, $2.65; N, $3.25; W G, $3.60; W W, $3.85.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 20.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 35c.; sales, 50 casks. Rosin, firm and unchanged; sales, 300 barrels.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 20, 1901.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Albemarle, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

Steamer Lakewood, Craddock, Chickahominy, merchandise and passengers, F. V. Archer, manager.

Schooner Manie Saunders, Soper, Rondout, cement, Warner Moore & Co.

SAILED.

Steamer Winyah, Simmons Philadelphia, Pa., merchandise and passengers, Clyde line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, James River landings and Norfolk, merchandise and passenger, Virginia Navigation Company.

Steamer Albemarle, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

Barge J. P. Tucker, McDevit, James River, light.

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ARRIVED.

Steamer Aragon, New Haven.
Steamer Lyra, Boston.
Steamer Hector, Boston.
Steamer Colonius, New York.
Steamer Badlewell, New York.
Steamer Luzano, Liverpool.
Steamer Adreatico, Charleston.
Barge Western Belle, Providence.
Barge New York, Providence.

SAILED.

Steamer Drumelzier, Castries.
Steamer Bodlewell, Cape Town.

IN SESSION ALL DAY.

Court-Martial Hears Charges Against Five Men of Company C.

William D. Gentry, J. W. Critzer, L. J. Schoof, Zach Torns, and W. B. Harris, privates of Company C, Seventieth Regiment, are being tried before a court-martial, charged with being absent from drills and inspection for several consecutive nights without an excuse.

The court convened yesterday at 10 o'clock and was in session the greater part of the day. The hearing had not been concluded last night at 10 o'clock, and the court adjourned till 10 this morning.

The decision will not be made public for some time yet.

Colonel Haskins and Bride Here.

Colonel and Mrs. Meade Haskins, of Blackstone, are registered at Murphy's on their way home from their bridal tour, on which they visited many Northern cities. Colonel Haskins was for a long time a popular lawyer of this city.

Mrs. Woody Ill.

Mrs. C. J. Woody, of No. 915 East Leigh Street, is ill at the home of her sister in Lynchburg. Mrs. Porter Sublett was called to that city several days ago to be at the bedside of her mother.

Information received over the long distance 'phone from Lynchburg last night was to the effect that Mrs. Woody's condition was very serious.

AMAL. COPPER BEHAVES BETTER

It Acted Yesterday More Like a Rational Stock.

THE MARKET HAD GOOD TONE

And Stocks Generally Were Higher in Spite of the Fact That the Money Rate Showed a Disposition to Harden.

As the announcement of the dividend on Amalgamated Copper was not made until after the stock market closed on Thursday, the opening yesterday was awaited with more than ordinary interest, traders being on the qui vive to see how Copper would act. It appeared, however, that the traders had pretty accurately anticipated the action of the directors and that the worst had been discounted. The stock opened with sales of several thousand shares at from 65½ to 64⅞, but after that the price jumped up to 67½, and although Copper was quite active during the day there were no violent fluctuations.

OTHER STOCKS FIRM.

The rest of the market was fairly active, and most stocks gained over Thursday's quotation. St. Paul and Union Pacific were the leaders, the former selling as high as 164½, and the latter at 103. Union Pacific preferred was also stronger than it has been for some time, selling as high as 89½. New York Central sold at 166½. Steel stocks were also stronger and more active than they have been for some time past, the common selling as high as 42½ and the preferred at 92⅞. Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western were not active, but were higher than on the day before. Louisville and Nashville showed some activity, starting off at 105⅞ and selling as high as 106⅞, closing at 106. There seemed to be a good demand for Consolidated Tobacco bonds, which opened at 64, and the last recorded sale there was at 64⅞. Only a few days ago these bonds sold as low as 62¼. No news was received by the local brokers on these bonds, but it is known that the Consolidated Tobacco Company is doing a great business and has not been hurt as yet by its competitors at home and abroad.

SECRETARY GAGE'S RESIGNATION.

There was a persistent rumor during the trading that Secretary Gage had resigned, but the rumor seemed to have no effect on prices. The directors of the American Locomotive Company declared their regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent., and this seemed to have a strengthening effect upon the preferred stock, which closed at 88½, the highest price of the day.

The money rate ruled firm around 6 to 8 per cent. and just before the close of the market the rate ran up to 10 per cent., but this did not depress prices to any extent, and the closing was firm in many cases, not far from the best prices of the day. The movement of money indicates that the banks have lost about $1,700,000 since last Friday.

STEEL EARNINGS.

The following statement has been given out, and it is said to have been semi-officially inspired:

As convincing proof of the prosperity of the iron and steel industry in general during the last nine months, and of the constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation in particular, we are told that the net profits accruing to the latter company from the time that it took possession of its various underlying companies to date, have been sufficient to pay its fixed charges and dividends for the year 1902.

Provided all of the common and preferred stock and the bonds were outstanding which is understood not to be the case, these requirements would figure out as follows:

Interest, 5 per cent., on $304,000,000 bonds	$15,200,000
Preferred stock ($550,000,000), 7 per cent. dividend	38,500,000
Common stock ($550,000,000), 4 per cent. dividend	22,000,000
Total	$75,700,000

On October 1st, when the last quarterly dividends were declared, it is understood that the requirements for the fixed charges, including interest to the amount of $2,000,000 of assumed bonds, and dividends, aggregated $73,021,967 on the securities outstanding. It is understood that the amount of outstanding securities has not been materially changed since that date.

The Produce Market.

The trade has brightened up considerably as a result of the approach of Christmas. Receipts in all lines are heavier and the demand has increased steadily. A brisk business all along the line is expected between now and Tuesday.

Receipts of poultry are about equal to the demand. Turkeys, dressed and drawn, are selling for 12½ to 13½ cents per pound. Chickens are worth 10 to 11 cents per pound.

Eggs are perhaps a little weaker. They are still selling, however, at 24 cents per dozen.

Game is coming in in somewhat better quantities. Rabbits are a little higher and are selling at 12 to 15 cents per pound. Whole deer is selling at 9 to 10 cents per pound; wild turkeys, 10 cents per pound; pheasants, 50 cents each, and partridges, $1.50 per dozen.

The sale of dressed hogs is active. They are worth 7 cents per pound.

Apples are selling as low as $2.50 and as high as $5 per barrel.

Florida oranges are selling at $2.50 to $2.75 per box.

"Is Sin Insanity?"

The second of the twentieth century men's meetings, which are being held at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, will take place to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Lee A. Coulter, State Secretary, will speak, propounding and answering the question "Is Sin Insanity?" Mr. Coulter is an earnest and pointed speaker, and one who is not afraid to express his opinion. There will be special music, including a